

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NIGERIA SHOULD WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to share with my colleagues a situation that has been brought to my attention.

President Obasanjo of Nigeria promised several years ago to withdraw his troops from the Bakassi Peninsula in The Republic of Cameroon. It has not yet been done. As the President of the African Union, Obasanjo has an obligation to set an example for the rest of the African nations.

President Obasanjo should withdraw Nigerian troops from the Bakassi Peninsula and return the Bakassi Peninsula to the Republic of Cameroon.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RAY MARBLE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and colleague who will retire on June 10 after years of service to the federal government and the Idaho National Laboratory. For the last ten years, Ray Marble has represented the Idaho National Laboratory in Washington DC. Before that, Ray had a distinguished career at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the Energy Research Development Agency and the U.S. House of Representatives. As a staff member, Ray worked for three Members of Congress, J. Kenneth Robinson, John "Jack" O. Marsh, and Carlton Sickles.

Ray Marble is a consummate professional who builds goodwill and trust wherever he goes. Ray is a gentleman known all over Washington for his kindness and tact. As a Washington representative of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), Ray has helped keep me, my staff, and the rest of the Idaho congressional delegation fully informed of events and issues at the lab. Ray always provides crisp, succinct information delivered with insight and perspective—and he is a pretty darn good golfer to boot. The INL will lose a great advocate and asset when Ray Marble retires.

Beyond the work relationship that many of us have with Ray, we also know him as a friend. Ray is uniquely gifted in his ability to connect with people on a personal level. He is genuinely concerned about the welfare of the people with whom he works and, in return, people around Washington are genuinely interested in him. I am proud to say that Ray has been a friend of mine over the past six

years—and I know several of my colleagues feel the same way.

I want to wish Ray and his wife Martha all of the best as they head off to North Carolina for new adventures and new challenges. I know a few rounds of golf are on Ray's to-do list and I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S MOST RECENT HYPOCRISY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pot is calling the kettle black. The Administration is chastising Newsweek magazine for a story containing a fact that turned out to be false. This is the same Administration that lied to the Congress, the United Nations and the American people by fabricating reasons to send us to war. The same Administration responsible for the death of over 1,500 American servicemen and women and countless Iraqi civilians; the same Administration which shields its highest officials from responsibility for prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay.

Under those circumstances, how can the Bush Administration, with a straight face, denounce a journalist for not checking all the facts before going public with a story?

Of course, Newsweek should have checked the facts more diligently before publishing their article. They made a big mistake. But, Mr. Speaker, we must keep this incident in perspective. Newsweek did make a mistake, but they had the dignity and honor to own up to it.

Unfortunately, I doubt the Bush Administration is capable of displaying such honesty. Instead, the Bush Administration focuses on public relations tactics to divert attention from their own incompetence and fabrications rather than focusing their energies on creating a plan to get our troops out of Iraq.

The hypocrisy of this Administration is astonishing and this most recent episode is, unfortunately, merely one example of many. Just yesterday Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said in reference to the Newsweek article, "People lost their lives. People are dead. People need to be very careful about what they say, just as they need to be very careful about what they do." "I couldn't agree more. People should be very careful about what they say and do; President Bush and his Cabinet, most of all.

Mr. Speaker, accountability and power cannot be separated. If the President accepts the duties and responsibilities of his office he must do exactly what he is asking Newsweek to do: he needs to tell Americans the truth about his own indiscretions in this tragic war.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Asphalt Pavement Association. NAPA was established on May 17, 1955.

For half a century, NAPA has worked tirelessly in representing its members and advancing new asphalt technologies to make our roads and highways last longer and safer for the motoring public. Since 1955 and over the next fifty years NAPA has pioneered groundbreaking research through its National Asphalt Pavement Research and Education Foundation that has revolutionized the manufacturing of asphalt.

NAPA and its members have also invested in America's future by helping to finance the education of future professionals in the construction industry. Through its research and education foundation, NAPA has awarded nearly 800 students with scholarships to support their undergraduate and postgraduate education.

NAPA members also sponsored the Smithsonian Institution's new transportation exhibition, America on the Move with a generous donation of \$1 million. This permanent exhibition at the National Museum of American History is designed to show how America's roads and highways transformed the nation from the 1890's to present day.

An interesting sidebar to the exhibition is the story of the genuine asphalt pavement used in one of the displays. The pavement was fabricated off-site by a NAPA member, Superior Paving Corp., Virginia, and allowed to weather before installation in the exhibit.

I also went to extend congratulations to the employees of Lehman-Roberts Company from Memphis, Tennessee. Lehman-Roberts Company was a founding member of NAPA and its current President, Richard C. Moore, Jr., is also NAPA's 2005 Chairman of the Board. Lehman-Roberts Company has deep roots in Tennessee. The company was established in 1939 and currently employs sixty people.

NAPA and its members should be very proud of its accomplishments over the last fifty years. Our road system which NAPA's members helped to build is the foundation from which our economy could not thrive without. Fifty years after the creation of the Interstate Highway System we can now say, "Mission accomplished." The Interstate Highway system has been built.

However more work needs to be done. We need to rehabilitate and reconstruct the pavements, many of which have exceeded their original design life. We also see ever-increasing congestion and mix of passenger vehicles with trucks on our roadway system that has

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led to serious safety issues and unnecessary loss of life.

Fifty years after the advent of the Interstate Highway System, it is time for us to plan a freight and highway policy that will create a new vision for the future. I know NAPA and its members will rise to this challenge and are committed to securing our nation's future for the next fifty years.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RICK HENRY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Rick Henry, an exemplary leader in music education in the state of Colorado who is retiring after over thirty years of faithfully teaching Colorado's young people how to enrich their lives with music.

Rick was born in Greeley, Colorado, raised in Longmont and graduated from Longmont High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree in Music Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

Rick subsequently taught music in the St. Vrain Valley School District in Longmont, Colorado, also in Grants, New Mexico, and at Berthoud High School in Berthoud, Colorado, before settling into his 21 year career as Director of Bands at Thompson Valley High School in Loveland, Colorado.

Under Mr. Henry's leadership, the band program received numerous Superior ratings in Concert, Jazz and Marching Band competitions. In 2004, the Thompson Valley High School Marching Band had the exciting opportunity to perform for over 500,000 people in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland.

Rick has been a member of the Greeley and Boulder, Colorado Philharmonic Orchestras and also played with the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra in Fort Collins, Colorado. He currently performs in Colorado and Southern Wyoming with the "Touch of Brass Quintet" and the "Modernaires Dance Band." Rick is an active member of Colorado Bandmasters Association, National Association for Music Education, and the International Association for Jazz Education.

Mr. Rick Henry has truly been a "Leader of the Bands" and has touched the lives of literally thousands of high school students with his unique way of inspiring and mentoring them over his many years of teaching. As Rick retires from a thirty year career, I am very proud to say that he leaves behind a rich legacy of strong music programs and inspired students—a worthy history for a fine man.

I invite my fellow colleagues in congratulating and honoring Mr. Rick Henry.

IN TRIBUTE TO NITA CORRÉ FOR HER LIFETIME OF CARING

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true visionary, whose

lifetime of caring has brought comfort to hundreds of older adults in my district. Nita Corr , longtime President of the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center, currently presides over the Jewish Home and Care Foundation. For 35 years, Nita Corr  has endeavored to envision and institute new models of care for older adults.

Nita Corr 's interest in the needs of older adults was awakened when she lived in Philadelphia, and served her husband's synagogue congregation by visiting elderly residents of nursing homes. Dismayed by the dispiriting conditions in many of these facilities, Nita Corr  reflected on the alternative models of care she had witnessed growing up in Spain. Thus began her lifetime commitment to improving the quality of care for senior citizens.

Older adults in the Fourth Congressional District have been the main beneficiaries of her commitment and passion. Beginning as a social work intern at the Milwaukee Jewish Home, she joined the professional staff in 1969 and was appointed the Home's director in 1978. Thanks to her efforts, the Milwaukee Jewish Home has become the model for elder care. Care facilities across the country have adopted many of the innovative programs she pioneered at the Milwaukee Jewish Home, which created new paradigms for supporting elders with dementia and providing companionship for elders facing the end of life.

Not only did she design these programs, Nita Corr  has been a tireless champion for their replication. She is nationally recognized as a gifted trainer, an energetic leader and a compassionate manager.

It has been said that the moral test of a society is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life—the children, those who are in the twilight of life—the elderly, and those who are in the shadows of life—the sick, the needy and the handicapped. Nita Corr 's life's work has been to attend to those in the twilight and the shadows, to shed light on their needs and find new ways to address their challenges. I am grateful to Nita Corr  for her commitment to our elders and honored to recognize her for this Lifetime of Caring.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SANTOKH SINGH TAKHAR

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor my friend, Dr. Santokh Singh Takhar. Affectionately known by many as Toki, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his 40 years of dedicated service to our community as a local veterinarian, long-time Democrat, and endearing friend to many.

Born and raised in India, Toki came to the United States as a young man through the efforts of his aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Sahi who were residents of Livingston, California. Upon arriving in Merced County, Toki began his pursuit of education as a student at Modesto Junior College. He soon after continued on to California State University—Fresno, and ultimately, University of California—Davis Veterinarian School. After years of hard work and study, Toki began his career as a veterinarian on June 6, 1963.

During a return visit to India in 1969, Toki met his wife of 35 years, Amrit Clare. They married on January 11, 1970 and have since resided in Hilmar, California. In addition to Toki's veterinarian practice, he and Amrit have become successful almond farmers on land that includes the property once owned by Toki's aunt and uncle nearly four decades ago. In addition to maintaining a successful veterinarian office and productive almond orchards, the Takhars have raised two accomplished children. Their son Clare Takhar currently resides in Turlock with his wife Amy and their daughter Sydney Clare Takhar. Clare serves as a Paramedic/Firefighter in Alameda County and Amy is a local school teacher. The Takhar's daughter Simrin Takhar has established her career with the California Association of Health Facilities.

Throughout his life, Toki has remained an active participant and supporter of Democratic politics. His passion for political involvement stems from his admiration of the late President John F. Kennedy. His commitment to his civic duty sets the standard that all Americans should strive to achieve. As he enters this new phase of his life, Toki can certainly be proud of all that he has represented and accomplished. After 40 years of dedicated work, I would like to offer him my sincerest best wishes for many years of fulfillment as he continues in life as a Democrat, a farmer, and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

It is my honor and privilege to join Toki's family and friends in recognizing his lifetime of service to the community of Hilmar and congratulate him on his retirement. Our community benefits greatly from the splendid example that he has set as a local veterinarian and distinguished member of the Hilmar community. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in offering Dr. Santokh Singh Takhar best wishes for continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CLARKSTON NEWS' 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE JAMES AND HAZEL SHERMAN FAMILY'S 50-YEAR NEWSPAPER OWNERSHIP CAREER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of The Clarkston News for the newspaper's 75 years of publication and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the James and Hazel Sherman family career as newspaper owners and publishers.

The Oakland County, Michigan, Clarkston News published its first edition on Sept. 23, 1929, just one month before the nation's historic stock market crash. James Sherman purchased The Clarkston News in 1966. It has since become the largest newspaper in the Sherman Publications Inc. Group. Published weekly since 1929, uninterrupted, The Clarkston News in the truest sense of community journalism, serves as a mirror of the community, preserving the community history and people in its pages. The paper has been recognized by numerous awards from such groups as the Michigan Press Association.

While James Sherman has retired, and his wife Hazel has passed away, the Sherman family continues to operate The Clarkston News, The Oxford Leader, The Lake Orion Review, and Ortonville-Goodrich area's The Citizen. The group also publishes three weekly "shoppers" guides, two in Oakland County and one in southern Lapeer County.

The three Sherman children who grew up in the business are owners today, sharing supervision of day-to-day operations; and James Sherman continues, even in retirement, to delight readers by writing his popular weekly column, "Jim's Jottings."

The Shermans are part of the very fabric of life in their communities, deeply appreciated as community leaders who help local causes, contribute to local charities, and employ local residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the commitment and achievements of The Clarkston News on its 75th anniversary and the James and Hazel Sherman family on the occasion of their 50th anniversary in the community newspaper business. They are truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

MAX LYON—DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of a fine man, long-time Alaskan Max Lyon. Max was from Fairbanks, where he was the Director of Transportation for the Fairbanks North Star Borough. In this job, Max managed transportation and environmental issues for the Borough. He loved his job and did it well; he will be badly missed by his many friends and coworkers in Fairbanks.

Max was born in 1947 in Owosso, Michigan, but he grew up in DeKalb, Illinois. He was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and flying, and was a life member and Board President of the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association. He was a devoted husband and father, a community leader, and a good friend to many long-time Fairbanksians.

Before becoming an Alaskan, Max served his nation honorably in Vietnam. Immediately after graduation from high school, Max enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was trained as a jet-engine mechanic. He was sent to Viet Nam where he was stationed at DaNang Air Base. During his tour in Viet Nam, Max volunteered his time to teach English to Vietnamese students and was known as "Teacher" to many of them. He received an honorable discharge in 1969.

That year, Max went to work in Sycamore, Illinois, where he met his future wife, Diane Leonhard. They married on May 16, 1970. In 1973, Max went to work for American Transit, which in 1977 sent him on a temporary assignment to Fairbanks to establish their first city transit system. That was the company's big mistake. Max and Diane fell in love with Alaska, and at the end of the 18-month assignment, Max resigned from American Transit and stayed in his adopted home for the rest of his life.

Over the next several years, Max worked as a mechanic and service manager on heavy duty trucks and then went to work for Dixon's Gun Shop. In 1982, Max bought the gun shop and owned it until 1985, when he sold it to build his dream house, a log home overlooking Fairbanks.

The Borough hired Max as Assistant Transportation Director in 1989, and he soon was promoted to Transportation Director, a job he held under several Borough Mayors until his untimely death this past weekend. Max was a member of the Elks, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Max loved the outdoors. It was what drew him to Alaska and kept him here. He loved his hunting and fishing camp near Kobuk, in interior Alaska; he spent as much time there in the Spring and Fall as he could. He also loved Baja California, where he planned to spend the winter months during a richly deserved retirement. He had just broken ground on a new house there.

Most of all, Max loved his family—his wife, Diane; his children Kristine and Andrew; his grandchildren Jordan and Jack; his mother Marlene; and his siblings Terry, Tim, Peggy, Cheryl, Robin, and Melissa. Lu and I send our deepest sympathies to them in their hour of loss. We hope they are comforted by the memory of Max's very full life, and of his many friends and admirers. I consider myself one of them.

URGING ALBANIAN AUTHORITIES TO HOLD FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a concurrent resolution which calls for the July 3 parliamentary election in Albania to be free and fair. Joining me in the introduction of this resolution is Mr. ENGEL, and I want to thank my colleague from New York for his efforts over the years to help Albanians throughout Southeastern Europe be able to exercise human rights and fundamental freedoms that for so long had been denied them.

This resolution notes that Albania is a participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, better known as the OSCE. It further notes that all OSCE participating States have accepted standards which define free and fair elections but that Albania has repeatedly fallen short of those standards. Some elections have been seriously flawed, while others demonstrated a clear and sometimes significant improvement.

As Albania approaches its next parliamentary elections on July 3, however, the resolution argues that meeting OSCE election standards is not only possible but a virtual necessity.

Meeting these standards is possible, fortunately, because Albanian authorities and political parties have adopted electoral reforms recommended by the OSCE. While Albanian stakeholders made the right and sometimes difficult decisions regarding reform, credit also needs to go to the OSCE Presence, or field

mission, in Albania which facilitated the dialogue and encouraged cooperation, as well as the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights which provided technical expertise to the reform effort. The OSCE was patient yet firm in pressing for change, while other international groups gave needed expertise.

Meeting these standards is necessary not only because Albania is committed to those standards, but also because a failure to do so will cost the country dearly in terms of integration into NATO and the European Union. While there are strong ties between the United States and Albania, which this resolution recognizes, it would be a mistake to excuse Albania from its OSCE commitments.

Our desire to see Albania succeed, in fact, is why our expectations regarding the elections need to be made so clear. Successful elections will certainly strengthen Albania's ties with the United States and Europe. More importantly, successful elections are something the people of Albania deserve. After centuries of foreign rule, decades of severe communist repression and isolation, and now more than a decade of transition hindered by official corruption, organized crime and civil strife, the people of Albania must finally be allowed to determine their own future by making their leaders accountable to them. Free, fair elections can make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues agree and will therefore support this resolution. As Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have focused on the situation in Albania for many years, and I am confident that sending the message contained in this resolution will make a difference.

HONORING DOMINIC H. FRINZI, NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and offer congratulations to Dominic H. Frinzi upon his installment this Saturday as president of the National Italian American Bar Association, an organization created in 1983 with the intent of advancing the interests of the Italian American legal community and improving the administration of justice.

A first generation American born of Sicilian parents, Mr. Frinzi has led a highly successful career as a Wisconsin attorney for over 50 years, while also making substantial contributions to Milwaukee's Italian American community. He has served as president of Milwaukee's Italian Community Center for a record five terms, and has also served as president of UNICO National, an Italian American civic organization, as well as the UNICO Foundation, Inc. and UNICO's Milwaukee Chapter. Additionally, Mr. Frinzi currently serves as Correspondente Consular, or Correspondent Consul, to the Consul General of Italy in Chicago, the Honorable Eugenio Sgró, providing assistance to Italian Americans on legal matters involving the Italian government.

The son of a butcher, and among the first in his father's family to forego this family business in 400 years, Mr. Frinzi nearly became a

Catholic priest instead of a lawyer. However, just months before completing seminary, he left to pursue law school. Since then, he has tried cases in every county in the state of Wisconsin, and has served as a Milwaukee County Court Commissioner for over 50 years.

Mr. Frinzi has received many high honors during his career, including the Justinian Society's Justinian Man of the Year Award, the Italian Community Center's Theodore Mazza Community Service Award, the Milwaukee Ethnic Council's Vision for Milwaukee Award, the Fraternal Order of Eagles' Italian Person of the Year Award, and UNICO National's Dr. Anthony P. Vastola Gold Medal Award for service.

In 2002, because of his tremendous accomplishments as an Italian American, Mr. Frinzi was knighted by the Italian government, receiving the title Cavaliere all'Ordine del Merto della Repubblica Italiana, or Knight of the Order of Merit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating an outstanding Italian American jurist, community leader, and prominent Milwaukee citizen, Mr. Dominic Frinzi, on his achievements as he takes on the role of president of the National Italian American Bar Association. We in Milwaukee are truly blessed to have him as our neighbor and look forward to his many additional civic and professional contributions in the years to come.

HONORING CANDY GARDNER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Candy Gardner, a longtime resident of San Antonio, whose family has woven itself into the fabric of our city over their four generations of residence. As leaders of the Temple Beth-El, they have worked tirelessly to improve the lot of the members of their congregation and those throughout the city. And, Candy has been no different as she has volunteered in a number of different capacities at Temple Beth-El and in San Antonio. In recognition of her efforts, on May 18, 2005 the Honors Committee of the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood will name Candy the 2005 Or Tamid for her countless hours of hard work in the Temple and our community.

A beautiful tradition stretching from the beginnings of Western civilization, Judaism is a faith built on works. It is the duty of every Jew to make a more perfect world not only for their family and immediate world but the larger community as well, and Candy's actions have been guided by this credo. Candy has devoted countless hours to the Sisterhood as the VP of Advancement of Judaism, VP of Human Relations, and President. She has also served as the committee chair for Publicity, Program, Docents, Oneg Shabbats, Yearbook, and Needlework Group. Moreover, in addition to her responsibilities as the Courtesy Chair and the Women's Torah Study Chair, Candy proofs the Bulletin, the publication of Temple Beth-El, and the Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance, and even leads docent tours of the Temple which is fitting since she rewrote the docent guidebook after the congregation moved back into the finished building.

However, I do not want to create the impression Candy limits her efforts to the Temple as she has served as President of the Any Baby Can Alliance, San Antonio Chapter of ORT, and School Class Acts. Also, she has been vital in fostering the arts in our city as a Friend of the McNay Museum, and a member of the San Antonio Symphony League. Of course, Judaism has long advocated for and supported the enrichment of our existence that art can provide, and her efforts have aimed to ensure San Antonio would not be without this vital sustenance.

As dedicated as Candy has been to building and strengthening the institution of Temple Beth-El, she has also worked to deepen her own understanding of Judaism and also to help others better know the Tanakh. Her devotion to continuing education embodies another central tenet of Judaism, that of constant investigation and reexamination in order to better understand the tradition as it has developed and progressed through the centuries. I laud this dogged pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment since it can strengthen the impulse to invest one's life in helping others. Candy's life is certainly living proof of this dynamic.

Of course, Candy is a wife, a mother, and a grandmother, the latter a job she considers the best of all. I imagine her family is proud that her years of dedication are being recognized as she receives this award. I am also proud to know that San Antonio is home to a person relentless in her mission to make it a better place.

IN HONOR OF PAIGE PETERSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paige Peterson, an 11-year-old girl who passed away November 8th, 2004 after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Like most 11-year-old girls, Paige Peterson loved to dress-up, dance, ride horses and spend time with her family and friends. But, unlike most little girls, Paige spent years battling neuroblastoma, an aggressive and deadly cancer.

Sustained by her extraordinary faith and spirit, Paige breathed life into the community of young cancer sufferers as a spokesperson for the Children's Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition. In her own words, she was proud to be a "guinea pig" in several clinical trials with the hope that one day one of these trials would find a cure for neuroblastoma.

Driven by her desire to proffer the message that "kids get cancer too," Paige met with First Lady Laura Bush, Congressman SAM FARR, Senator BARBARA BOXER, Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN, and hundreds of other individuals and organizations across the country. In the end, she left behind a legacy of compassion and courage and a challenge to Congress to enact healthcare policies which honor the unique needs of children with life-threatening conditions and their families, thus enabling children like Paige to live well and die gently surrounded by those they love.

Mr. Speaker I wish to honor this young girl for her strength and courage in battling this ill-

fated disease and speaking about her experience in order to generate positive change for future young cancer sufferers. Her attitude and goodwill have proven to be an example for us all. I join Paige's mother Suzanne Peterson, her father Scott Peterson, and members of the Children's Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition in honoring and remembering this heroic girl for her achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GIVEN KACHEPA FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP TEN YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Given Kachepa, a Grapevine High School senior, for being named one of America's top ten youth volunteers by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. He was selected from a field of over 20,000 youth volunteers from across the country.

Given is an advocate for victims of human trafficking. An orphan at age 9 in his native Zambia, he was recruited two years later to sing in a boy's choir on an overseas tour. He was promised a salary and education, and that the money raised from the tour would be used to build schools in Zambia. None of these promises, however, were met.

For over a year and a half, Given and his fellow choir members performed six or seven times a day, sometimes with little food. After being saved by U.S. immigration authorities, Given used his own experience to help with the widespread human trafficking problem. He has educated the public through the media, and spoken about human trafficking at conferences, along with local and national law enforcement agencies.

I am proud to recognize Given for this high honor; he is well deserving of the award. The future of America is in good hands with leaders like him.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1544) to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, and for other purposes:

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, H.R. 1544, the Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act is critically important for the entire country, but it is also good for rural America. I am pleased to share my support for this bill, which streamlines and prioritizes homeland security spending and should result in better stewardship of America's tax dollars committed to public safety.

Last year, the 9/11 Commission made clear to Congress that homeland security assistance should be based strictly on an assessment of risks and vulnerabilities.

H.R. 1544 fulfills the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission by providing priority assistance to first responders facing the greatest threat; by streamlining terrorism preparedness grants; and by requiring specific, flexible, and measurable goals for State and local government terrorism preparedness.

As a member of the Congressional Rural Caucus, I am especially interested in how rural areas will be treated under this legislation.

Currently, rural America does not receive its fair share when it comes to the distribution of homeland security funds. H.R. 1544 will ensure that rural Americans have a seat at the table when federal spending decisions are made. For the first time, tax dollars will be distributed to first responders based on risk, regardless of whether the potential dangers are in urban, suburban, or rural communities.

Under this legislation, each State shall develop a 3-year Homeland Security Plan. The State must solicit comments from local and county governments—including those in rural areas—and evaluate risk factors, threats, populations, and all critical infrastructure. Risks to Missouri's Fourth Congressional District might include agriculture and agribusiness, natural gas pipelines, Bagnell Dam, Truman Dam, the Lake of the Ozarks, and the Missouri River, among others.

H.R. 1544 allows for rural Missourians to prevent, prepare for, and respond to future terrorist attacks under a risk-based formula. Additionally, this measure maintains a State minimum for funding to ensure that each State can reach at least a minimal level of preparedness.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 1544 is supported by every major first responder organization and by the State of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this important, risk-based legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, Monday, May 16, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall votes No. 171, No. 172, and No. 173. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 171, H.R. 627, to designate the Linda White-Epps Post Office; "yea" on rollcall No. 172, H. Res. 266, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; and "yea" on rollcall No. 173, H.R. 2107, modifying the authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund.

MARKING THE 50TH YEAR OF ST. ANTHONY'S "FREE FISHERMAN'S BREAKFAST"

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated group of sportsmen, merchants and citizens who have reached an

important milestone as they celebrate the 50th year of the Free Fisherman's Breakfast. On May 27, 2005, from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m., volunteers will serve pancakes, sausage, bacon and eggs, hash browns, coffee, milk and juice to more than 5,000 people at Clyde Keefer Memorial Park in St. Anthony, Idaho.

Volunteers join together each year to continue the tradition which began near the opening of fishing season in May of 1955. The St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce and the Sportsmen's Association came up with the idea to try to draw fishermen into town on their way to their favorite fishing hole. The idea grew from just coffee and doughnuts to a full free breakfast, served faithfully each year despite rain, wind, snow and floods.

Informational booths were added in the park for guests to enjoy as they wait in line to be served. Many local, state, and national elected officials take advantage of the opportunity to visit with friends and supporters. Each year fishermen come from all over the state, as well as adjoining states, to renew old friendships and make new ones. An outstanding community member is honored each year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate everyone who has been involved in the "Free Fisherman's Breakfast" over the years and join them this month as they commemorate its 50th anniversary. I have enjoyed socializing at this event in the past and will be looking forward to it in the future. I wish the City of St. Anthony well as they continue this great hometown tradition.

CONGRATULATING CHARLOTTE AMALIE HIGH SCHOOL ON REGAINING THEIR ACCREDITATION FROM THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the principal, Ms. Jeanette Smith-Barry, and her team of dedicated individuals at the Charlotte Amalie High School in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, on the occasion of their re-accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Their tireless efforts, hard work, dedication and faith have paid off and will truly make a difference in the future of our youth and of our Territory.

At a time when school districts around the country are faced with budget cuts and higher standards, our schools have to do more with less. The school's accreditation team comprised of administrators, parents, community and business leaders set a goal of obtaining re-accreditation by graduation date 2005 and achieved it.

Charlotte Amalie High School (CAHS) is the first of four public high schools in the U.S. Virgin Islands to regain the accreditation that was lost in 2002. Now their students will be able to compete as equals for college and university entrance as well as entry into the U.S. Air Force which will not consider any student from an unaccredited school.

Mr. Speaker, this year's graduation which will take place on June 5, 2005 will be a dou-

bly joyous and celebratory occasion for the CAHS Class of 2005 who will receive their diplomas and also be able to finally and proudly say once again that they received them from an accredited high school.

It is in appreciation of their efforts that I use this opportunity to commend the CAHS students, faculty, parents, administration, and their private sector supporters for their successful efforts in developing and executing a successful strategy for regaining accreditation. They are an example to all of us who strive to improve our community.

I am proud of their success and wish the entire CAHS family and the Class of 2005 continued success as they continue to "Excel Always."

IN MEMORY OF SENIOR BORDER PATROL AGENT TRAVIS W. ATTAWAY

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen hero—senior Border Patrol Agent, Travis W. Attaway of D'Hanis, Texas. Travis met an untimely death while serving our country and securing our Texas borders in the McAllen sector.

On September 19, 2004, days of harsh rain and a rising Rio Grande tragically interrupted what otherwise was a routine three-man patrol operation near Free Trade Bridge in Los Indios. When rushing waters capsized the 19-foot patrol boat, Travis and two other agents were ejected into the river's strong current.

At the young age of 31, Travis has marked history as a true American hero. He sacrificed his life to protect the citizens of this great nation. Today, we honor his memory and the memory of all our Fallen Law Enforcement Officers for National Police Week 2005.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF CITY LAS VEGAS, NV

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, while all Americans have heard of Las Vegas, many may not be aware of the rich history we have in Southern Nevada. For instance, the City was named by Spanish traders traveling from New Mexico to California. These traders dubbed the area "Las Vegas" which means "the meadows".

The first settlement in the Las Vegas valley by Westerners was a fortified mission colonized by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Over the last century, Las Vegas has become the entertainment capital of the world, with world class hotels, gaming, entertainment, and outdoor activities for visitors of all ages.

In the 1990s, the population of Las Vegas boomed, making it the fastest growing metropolitan area in the country. A record-setting 40

million tourists visited Las Vegas in 2004 to enjoy our hospitality and entertainment.

Mr. Speaker, Las Vegas has much more to offer tourists than "the Strip" alone. Visitors from around the world appreciate such attractions as Red Rock Canyon, Lake Mead, and the Hoover Dam.

On May 15, 2005, and throughout all of 2005, Las Vegas is hosting a Centennial Celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the city. Las Vegas visitors and residents will join in the Centennial Celebration by participating in a variety of commemorative events including a centennial time capsule, an attempt to bake the world's largest birthday cake, a return of Hellsdorado Days (a Las Vegas tradition honoring the roots of the city in the Wild West), and a wedding ceremony with 100 couples.

Mr. Speaker, I moved to Nevada in 1978, and have seen Las Vegas change from a desert hideaway to a burgeoning metropolis where between five and seven thousand people move per month. However, what never ceases to amaze me is that despite the explosive growth that Las Vegas has experienced, it has never lost the small town appeal in which we Nevadans take so much pride. I am also constantly struck by the genuinely American nature of our community. We come from all over the world and all over the country to make up our community, and for that I am particularly proud to be here today.

When most people think of Las Vegas, visions of big hotels, casinos, and bad Elvis impersonators may come to mind. I conjure a different image—an image of the thousands of wonderful individuals who are Las Vegas.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the City of Las Vegas on its 100th Anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO KEN AND CAROLE MARKSTEIN

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding couple in the 50th Congressional District for their commitment to public higher education in general, and for business education in particular.

Ken and Carole Markstein have pledged \$5 million to the College of Business Administration at Cal State San Marcos. Their gift will be used to complete the new business college building by providing upgrades, furnishings, and technology; to assist in faculty recruitment and retention efforts; to provide scholarships for students; and to fund future program development. Their gift will greatly enhance the University's ability to serve the students and the local business community by enabling the College to provide the highest quality education possible and develop future programs responsive to the needs of the region. The College of Business Administration houses the largest number of students at Cal State San Marcos.

In 1974, Ken Markstein graduated from Cal State University at San Jose with a B.S. degree in Finance. After completing his degree, he joined Markstein Beverage Company as the Accounting/Computer Manager. In 1975, Ken became Vice President of Markstein Beverage Company Union City, and in 1976, he

was promoted to Vice President/General Manager. In 1978 he moved to Markstein Beverage Company in Oakland as President and General Manager. In 1987, Ken and his brother purchased Mission Distributing in San Marcos, California, where he became President and CEO. Markstein Beverage Company is a wholesale beverage distributor, employing more than 120 employees, with 120 fleet vehicles and sales of approximately \$50 million per year.

The Marksteins have been engaged with Cal State San Marcos for a large part of its short history. In 1991, they established one of the first scholarships for business students. In 1996, Ken agreed to serve on the Business College advisory board, and in 2002, agreed to become part of the university's Trust Board.

With the beginning of construction of the new business building and with the arrival of a permanent dean of the college, Ken and Carole began to see the importance of a strong program for business students being developed in their own backyard. In particular, they saw the need to recruit and retain outstanding business faculty, and began to talk to the university about ways in which they could make a significant difference to the business community in the region. When Ken's father, who had started the family business, died in 2004, Ken decided to use part of the inheritance in this way—to honor his father by helping the future of business professionals in North San Diego County.

Ken is not only a product of the Cal State System, but a believer—calling it "the backbone of California's higher education." He believes in the goals of the university and in doing what he can to make those goals a reality.

Ken married his childhood sweetheart, Carole, in 1975, and they have two college-aged children. Like her husband, Carole is also part of the community and gives her time and talent to the establishment of the San Pasqual Academy—a residential campus for high school foster care adolescents.

On May 11, 2005, the California State University Board of Trustees unanimously voted approval of the recommendation,

Resolved, By the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the business building (Building 13) at Cal State University San Marcos, be named Markstein Hall.

It is an honor for the business college to carry the family name of this outstanding, civic-minded couple, as it is for the 50th district to honor them today with these remarks to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ADOPTION OF MR. FÉLIX NAVARRO RODRÍGUEZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform our colleagues about a very important bipartisan initiative to highlight the problem of Cuban political prisoners held by the totalitarian regime of Fidel Castro. To bring worldwide attention to this critical matter, many of my colleagues and I are adopting an individual Cuban political prisoner jailed by Castro.

Sadly, on this small island nation there are thousands of pro-democracy activists currently imprisoned in Cuba for exercising their most basic human rights. They have been jailed for speaking freely, worshiping freely, and assembling peacefully.

The Cuban prisoner I am adopting is Mr. Félix Navarro Rodríguez. Mr. Rodríguez is a 49-year-old member of the Partido por la Democracia Pedro Luis Boitel, the Pedro Luis Boitel Party for Democracy. On the evening of Tuesday, March 18, 2003 Félix was detained on his way home in the city of Perico in Matanzas. He was taken by more than a dozen State Security agents (Castro's political police) to his home where they subjected Mr. Rodríguez and his family to an exhaustive search that lasted late into the night. The agents seized a large amount of equipment, objects, and supplies. Everything from a computer to 12 plastic chairs including books, rope, videos, typewriters, blank paper, pencils and pens, and all the documents pertaining to the Party were taken. Félix was brought to the State Security compound in Matanzas where he was detained under charges of having "received, among other things, leaflets and literature; the latter was proved by the confiscation of aggressive and corrosive writings and printed material from his house."

The Cuban prosecution requested a 30-year prison sentence. On Thursday, April 4, 2003, Mr. Rodríguez—together with independent journalist and PDLB's secretary for International Relations Iván Hernández Carrillo—were subjected to an arbitrary and illegal summary trial, in the city of Matanzas and condemned to a 25-year prison sentence.

Félix Navarro Rodríguez was a Cuban educator for over twenty years. He taught both elementary and middle school. At the same time he was teaching he was also studying Physics and Astronomy. Because he refused to indoctrinate his students with communist rhetoric he was fired from his job. According to the official document released by the Municipal Board of Education, he was accused of "treason against the revolution." As a result, he was detained and later sentenced to three years in prison for "enemy propaganda" of which he served 20 grueling months. As further punishment he was prohibited from completing his studies in Physics and Astronomy. Mr. Speaker, I too am a former teacher and believe that one of the most important jobs in my life, besides being a father, was teaching my students to think independently and express their views without fear of prosecution. I sympathize with Mr. Rodríguez's efforts to teach his students to think instead of teaching them the oppressive lessons of communism, and I commend him for his efforts.

Mr. Rodríguez's story is not uncommon in Cuba; in fact, political imprisonment has been a fact of life in Castro's Cuba for over four decades. Mr. Speaker, this has become a personal issue for me, as Fabio Freyre, the grandfather of a member of my staff, was imprisoned in solitary confinement for over one year for fighting against the revolution and the Castro Regime in the early 1960's. While this imprisonment took place over forty years ago, the conditions are the same as today. There are many Cubans fighting for their fundamental human rights who are being punished harshly on a daily basis. Like the others, it is clear that Félix Navarro Rodríguez does not belong in jail. He is a political prisoner being

held merely for trying to spread freedom and democracy to the Cuban people. I hope that he is one day freed from the shackles of oppression and that the Cuban people can have the opportunity to freely choose their leaders in a democratic system of political pluralism.

Mr. Speaker, what has made this Nation great is that since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we have been a beacon of freedom and justice. American troops have shed blood confronting tyrants and dictators.

Our belief that there truly are inalienable rights does not end at our borders. We Americans believe that freedom and liberty are rights due all the people of Earth.

I hope to one day soon speak to Félix Navarro Rodríguez and congratulate him on his freedom and thank him for his commitment to justice and democracy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. PAUL QUINN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a tribute to my close friend, Mr. Paul Quinn, delivered by former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tom Foley, on March 16, 2005 at the 13th National Gala of the American Ireland Fund.

They say that on St. Patrick's Day, the 33.7 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry swell to 80 million. As well they should!

And on St. Patrick's Day, we here in Washington celebrate the great day as only Washington can—politically. The Taoiseach pays a call on the President. The Speaker hosts them both at lunch. And the American Ireland Fund holds this dinner, as important a celebration as any of the others, and honors those who have made contributions in advancing peace and reconciliation in Ireland. Like the other events, it has its political side, but with a difference. Here we sometimes honor those whom not everybody knows, although we here know them well.

Tonight I have the honor to introduce a man whom few here can surpass in contributions to peace in Northern Ireland. And almost none of us could surpass him in avoiding praise. Because Paul Quinn keeps out of the limelight. He is one of the most effective advocates on the major policy issues of our times. He has been a tireless and effective friend of Ireland, but he leaves few tracks.

What has he done for Ireland? Twenty years ago, Paul was the first nongovernment figure to invite Northern Irish political leaders to Washington—not to make speeches, because who can stop the Irish from speaking?!

Paul hosted small, informal gatherings with officials, diplomats, legislators and interested Irish Americans to learn what was happening and to exchange views and hopes for an end to the violence we call the Troubles.

Paul was the first to bring John Hume and major Unionist leaders to Washington. He became a tireless lobbyist for peace through dialogue and non-violence. I know, because as Speaker I was frequently the target of Paul Quinn conversations on a brighter future for Northern Ireland.

If there is anyone in this city, from the White House on down, who can claim some small credit for the end of violence that now seems to prevail in the North, it is Paul.

Here at home, of course, he was also a long time Director of the American Ireland Fund, and the national chairman of this gala for many years. There is no Irish American initiative for justice and reconciliation in this city to which Paul has not given both time and strenuous effort. Like everything about which he cares deeply, Paul has made his passion for Ireland a family affair. Besides being a behind-the-scenes advisor to the Clinton Administration, there is brother Tom's service as a U.S. Observer to the International Fund for Ireland, a frequent topic of Paul's friendly lobbying.

Yet, there is always a dark side to every family. Paul and his brothers are Republican in the Irish sense, but there is also the fact, kept from elderly aunts and small children, that brother Gene is also Republican in the Washington sense. Tom believes this is what Paul's grandfather foresaw when he sometimes called the Quinn brothers—minus Paul—the “unholy alliance.”

Besides looking after and reveling in his family—especially his two granddaughters—Paul also doubles as a very effective but unregistered agent for the Irish Tourist Bureau. Many a Senator or Member has asked him his advice on where to go and what to see in Ireland.

That advice is rarely limited to political matters. Paul's single-minded determination to play every Irish golf course, his tireless promotion of University College Dublin—where he serves on the board of the Business School—and his limitless fund of stories recommend him as an all-purpose source of essential information.

Everything I have mentioned about Paul is known to many in this room tonight, but few have the whole picture. That is because life long modesty has masked Paul's dedicated commitment of time and treasure, quiet leadership and persuasive powers to the cause of peace in Ireland. Paul inherited great gifts from his Irish family—education, persistent application and a tradition of giving back—but he alone has applied them so effectively and quietly to the cause that we all share and celebrate tonight, as we honor Paul Quinn as a true champion for Ireland and for peace.

108TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROGERS BROTHER CORPORATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-hundredth anniversary of Rogers Brothers Corporation. Having a history filled with many innovative achievements, it is my hope to see this company continue on a path of growth and prosperity.

Located in Albion, Pennsylvania, in Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District, Rogers Brothers Corporation was founded by Charles, Louis and Hugh Rogers. They started out fabricating steel for bridges. In 1914, they built their first trailer for commercial use. The production of trailers would go on to become their hallmark. The business of trailer production grew with the continued development of the roadway system and World War I. During World War II, Rogers developed special “tank retriever” trailers for the federal government, earning the Army-Navy “E” Award for excellence in production. They also built a special trailer which was used in the Manhattan Project. Following the war, commercial trailers

were further developed with the creation of the innovative Power Lift Detachable Gooseneck. Under the leadership of Betty Rogers Kulyk, and her husband John Kulyk, the company further developed their trailers, creating new and innovative designs for their customers.

Throughout their century in business, Rogers has overcome many challenging obstacles, including fires, the Great Depression, labor disputes, and a devastating tornado. However, the company has endured the test of time. In addition, it has remained a family-owned and operated business, a trait that makes them unique in the trailer industry. Today, Rogers trailers can be seen in all 50 states and in 65 countries around the world. The company enjoys an outstanding reputation among their customers, a 100,000 square foot facility, and a quality, all-American made product. Now solidly in its third generation, under the leadership of Lawrence and Mark Kulyk, the company looks to expand their customer and product base, and stay the course for the long haul.

America was founded on the principles of hard work and innovation. The very greatness of this Nation is tied to the entrepreneurial spirit of our people. The creativity and innovation of small business, such as Rogers, help to create the very pillars of our economy. Their many achievements and unwavering commitment to excellence in quality production is an outstanding tribute to the very ideals that we hold dear.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Kulyk Family and all of the hard working men and women at Rogers Brothers Corporation on their 100th anniversary.

IN DEFENSE OF 1,100 CLEVELAND, OHIO JOBS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Today, I sent this letter in defense of 1,100 Cleveland, Ohio jobs as a result of the BRAC process:

MAY 17, 2005.

Chairman ANTHONY PRINCIPI,
Base Realignment and Closure Commission,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PRINCIPI: Last week's announcement of the 2005 Department of Defense recommended BRAC closure list has inappropriately targeted the Cleveland area with over 1,100 jobs cuts. Cleveland currently suffers from a severe economic recession. Therefore I find the inclusion of these Cleveland facilities to be a substantial deviation from the selection criteria. These job losses are outrageous, unjust, and unfair.

Specifically, the BRAC list included the following cuts that directly affect the immediate Cleveland area: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) in Cleveland is scheduled to lose 1,028 jobs with approximately 175 jobs being spared, to protect the recent Lockheed Martin A76 privatization of the Military and Retired Annuitant Pay Services contract function. The jobs are being moved to DFAS facilities in Columbus, OH, Denver, CO, and Indianapolis, IN. (BRAC Report: Volume 1, Part 2 H&SA 37-39); The Glenn Research Center is also scheduled to lose 50 civilian military research jobs. The

Army Research Laboratory at Glenn is losing the Vehicle Technology Directorate to the Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. (BRAC Report: Volume 1, Part 2 Tech—22); The Navy Reserve Center in Cleveland is scheduled to close and 25 jobs will be lost. (BRAC Report: Volume 1, Part 2 DoN—29).

As you know, the BRAC Commission has the authority to change the Department's recommendations, if it determines that the Secretary deviated substantially from the force structure plan and/or selection criteria. (Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005: Title XXVIII—General Provisions: Subtitle C—Base Closure and Realignment: Sec. 2832. Specification of final selection criteria for 2005 base closure round.)

I believe the Department of Defense has clearly deviated from the selection criteria.

The Secretary is required to consider the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations. (Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005: Title XXVIII—General Provisions: Subtitle C—Base Closure and Realignment: Sec. 2832. Specification of final selection criteria for 2005 base closure round.) The Department of Defense erroneously states that a 0.1% job loss within the Cleveland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has minimal economic impact.

However, the Department of Defense failed to take into account the current economic position of the Cleveland area. Cleveland has been labeled as the poorest city in the country today. Its poverty rate of 31.3 percent is the highest in the nation, according to the most recent Census Bureau data from 2003. (Places within United States: Percent of People Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months: 2003 American Community Survey Summary Tables: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GRTTable?_bmy=y&-geo id=16000US0820000&-box_head_nbr=R01&-ds_name=ACS_2003_EST_G00_-lang=en&-format=US-32&-sse=on) Cleveland's #1 ranking in poverty rate results from the significant job losses in the steel and manufacturing industries over the past several decades. These job losses continue. For example, the current 2006 budget recently passed by Congress would slash up to 700 high paying federal jobs at the NASA Glenn Research Center. The economy around Cleveland is stagnating.

Clearly, a 0.1 percent job loss for Cleveland is far more damaging than such a loss in another city with a better economic base. For example, the three cities scheduled to gain additional jobs from Cleveland's BRAC losses have poverty rates that are half to a third of Cleveland's. The poverty rates (and rankings) are 16.5 percent (35th), 13.6 percent (49th), and 12.6 percent (55th) for Columbus, Denver, and Indianapolis respectively. (Places within United States: Percent of People Below Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months: 2003 American Community Survey Summary Tables: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GRTTable?_bmy&-geo id=16000US0820000&-box_head_nbr=R01&-ds_name=ACS_2003_EST_G00_-lang=en&-format=US-32&-sse=on) This BRAC round will secure for the foreseeable future Cleveland's #1 poverty ranking.

This is clear evidence that closures of these facilities in the Cleveland area fall outside the criteria of the BRAC process. I therefore request the BRAC Commission to reverse the job losses in the Cleveland area.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2005 ALL-AMERICA CITY CIVIC AWARDS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Western New Yorkers whose leadership and service has earned them well-deserved recognition by the Buffalo & Erie County All America City Committee.

In 1995 the Greater Buffalo Region was chosen as one of ten communities nationally to receive the All-America City designation, a lifetime distinction.

Greater Buffalo's All America City Committee has as its 2004–2005 mission to: work with community leaders to strengthen Buffalo's national public image, promote the practice of "civic journalism" by the local media, prompt citizen involvement in their communities to build social capital and enhance community Democracy, and to develop resources to measure social capital and promote intersector civic capacity building activities in the region.

The Committee has recently named Jack Connors, president and publisher of Buffalo Business First; Samuel M. Ferraro, Niagara County Commissioner of Economic Development; Philip L. Haberstro, founder of the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and the Belfast Summer Relief Program as this year's award winners, whose work embodies the spirit of the 2004–2005 mission.

I am proud to stand here today and recognize the many contributions of these great civic leaders who have played a significant role in making Greater Buffalo the fabulous All-America City it is.

TRIBUTE TO THE CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and welcome home true American heroes. In March of 2004, the soldiers of the 1st Battalion 185th Armor left their homes and families to spread the ideals of freedom and democracy to Iraq. They went, not because they had to, but because they chose to—choosing to restore a society and help a people with which they were unfamiliar.

Throughout the last year, these brave men and women were charged with improving the infrastructure of a new Iraq and building new water systems, roads and bridges. They were a part of history when they helped secure peace during the Iraq elections and have been instrumental in rebuilding relationships between the American and Iraqi people.

The commitment of our men and women in uniform to the ideals of liberty, freedom and peace never wavered. Their steadfast belief in themselves and our Nation remains a beacon of selflessness and sacrifice for all Americans.

For those who still defend our country and those who fight for the principles upon which this nation was founded, the 1st Battalion 185th Armor serves as an inspiration.

Their actions will forever stir our hearts and rouse our belief in the human spirit. It is because of this that we are grateful for their sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that I am able to recognize these American heroes and welcome them back. I hope that others will acknowledge our brave soldiers throughout the world.

CONGRATULATING IVANNA EUDORA KEAN HIGH SCHOOL ON REGAINING ACCREDITATION FROM THE MIDDLE STATE ASSO- CIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the hard working and dedicated team at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands on regaining their accreditation status from the Middle State Association of Colleges and Schools.

This has been a difficult year for the school in many respects, but strong leadership and team work have pulled them through. On Friday, May 13th, the principal of the high school, Sharon McCollum-Rogers, received word that the high school was re-accredited, which is a vindication of the principled but difficult stands they have taken together.

At a time when school districts around the country are faced with budget cuts and higher standards, our schools have to do more with less, the school's accreditation team comprised of administrators, parents, community and business leaders set a goal of accomplishing this task by graduation date 2005 and have pulled off a minor miracle.

Mr. Speaker, this year's graduation is a doubly joyous and celebratory occasion for Eudora Kean High School. In June, the graduating class will not only be able to proudly say that they have received their diplomas, but they can also once again say that they have received them from an accredited high school.

I applaud and commend the Eudora Kean High School students, faculty, parents, administration, and their private sector supporters for their unwavering efforts in developing and executing a successful strategy for regaining accreditation.

I am proud of their success and wish the Eudora Kean High School family and 2005 graduates continued success as they continue to "Strive for Success."

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACLYN EINSTEIN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young Florida student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Jaclyn

Einstein of Golden Beach was named one of the top honorees in Florida by the 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Jaclyn, a junior at University School, is being recognized for raising more than \$6,000 for organ transplants in a fund-raising walkathon, as part of an ongoing, multi-year effort on her part to promote organ donation. Not only did Jaclyn raise money for organ donation programs, but she also organized an assembly at her high school to recruit other students to walk with her. Combined, the students raised \$6,200 for the University of Miami Transplant Foundation, winning a cruise that she then donated to an 18-year-old heart transplant recipient.

When asked what she hoped her efforts would accomplish, Jaclyn said, "It is my hope, ultimately, that numerous individuals in need will benefit from receiving an organ transplant through my efforts."

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Einstein are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The program seeks to impress upon youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past eight years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with more than 170,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

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HONORING REVEREND W. HENRY
MAXWELL, SR.

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend W. Henry Maxwell, Sr., who is retiring from his role as Pastor of Ivy Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia.

Reverend Maxwell served as pastor at Ivy Baptist for 37 years. In this position, he has

been an extraordinary shepherd over a vibrant and growing flock. I have attended Sunday services at Ivy Baptist and seen his hand at work in his church and community. During his tenure, the Church established a Day Care ministry that has been a vital and thriving community resource for over thirty years. Under his leadership, the church outgrew its original building, and Reverend Maxwell oversaw the purchase of and transition to a new location. And seven years ago, not to rest on previous accomplishments, Reverend Maxwell spurred the construction of an additional wing to the current Church location, that the congregation saw fit to name the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center. Even though he officially retired December 31, 2004, Reverend Maxwell has graciously served as interim pastor while the church searched for his successor.

Through his counsel and mentorship, the Ivy Baptist family has produced successful businesspeople, local, state, and federal government workers, and 14 licensed ministers. Reverend Maxwell has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of his parishioners and the lives of all citizens in the church's Southeast Newport News community. His steadfast commitment to principle is well documented through his service on numerous associations, including a term as President of the Newport News Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

His dedication to civic improvement is best illustrated through his work as a public servant. Reverend Maxwell represented citizens from the cities of Newport News and Hampton as both a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia State Senate in a twenty-year political career. Reverend Maxwell spent much of his time and effort in the Virginia General Assembly addressing the various disparities faced by many of his constituents—the culmination of this effort being his work as an early proponent of diversity in the state judiciary. In his role as State Senator, Reverend Maxwell strove to make sure that the judiciary was comprised of judges more representative of the communities they served, and he has ensured that all Virginians who walk into a court feel that they have a fair chance of equal protection under the law.

I had the honor and privilege of serving with Reverend Maxwell in the Virginia General Assembly for nine years, and I have worked with him outside of the Assembly on many issues. Reverend Maxwell, as a humble servant of God, would balk at the accolades I have bestowed upon him, but I would be remiss if I did not say I consider him an ally, mentor, and friend.

On the occasion of his retirement, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and commend Reverend W. Henry Maxwell, Sr. for his service and dedication to the parishioners of Ivy Baptist Church and to the people of Newport News and Hampton, Virginia.

THE FILIBUSTER MUST BE SAVED

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay homage to heroes of

equality, justice, and tenacity in spirit. On May 17, 1954, the highest court in the country announced its decision that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." This opinion served to deny the legal basis for segregation in Kansas and 20 other States with segregated classrooms and effectively change the dynamics of race relations for the country.

While the dynamics were dramatically changed with that jurisprudence, the unequal treatment was not completely eradicated. Even today, we see the vestiges of bigotry and Jim Crow. For example, let me cite the recent status of the Senate 60-vote filibuster for judicial nominations and the disingenuous reference by certain members to the historic civil rights struggles of the 1950's and 1960's.

The filibuster, no matter how negatively it has been used in the past, remains a vital tool with which we as legislators protect the rights of the minority party. We will not forget the longest filibuster in Senate history in 1957 by Senator Strom Thurmond to thwart civil rights legislation from passage.

Senator Jesse Helms used the filibuster for years to block many highly-qualified nominees from North Carolina, including a woman and three African-Americans. Not one of these nominees received a vote from the Senate. Consequently, the seat remained open for over 6 years—until such time as Senator Helms could hand-pick someone to fill it. A recent national survey found that nearly 70 percent of Americans oppose eliminating filibuster, including many of those who even support the judges who are in question now.

The effectiveness of this tool must be preserved because it is the hallmark of the democratic process. Straight up-or-down votes on issues that affect the lives of vulnerable Americans will allow harsh and insensitive legislation to be forced onto these people at the whim of the majority party. In essence, allowing the filibuster to die on this matter will close the doors to many needy Americans for relief by way of legislation or the court system.

Overly restrictive legislation that has recently passed in the House such as the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, S. 256; the Class Action Fairness Act; Marriage Protection Act; the Pledge Protection Act; and others that propose to block access to the courts and to relief. At some level, it seems that some American people will experience a time when they will not have access to the federal courts and would be subject to adverse judicial scrutiny if they had that access. Eventually, this trend would lead to a less nationalistic America where residency in certain States will equate to legalization of disparate treatment.

Mr. Speaker, I submit that the filibuster must be saved in order to save the federal system and the notion of democracy. The fall of democracy will give rise to a government that can be represented as "the tyranny of the majority."

WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE
QUESTIONS LOOMING IN IRAQ

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the American people

an editorial that raises the important questions regarding our uncertain course of action in Iraq. In particular, the author, New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, addresses the dilemma that looms in the not-so-distant horizon—do we increase the military effort or do we end it? He also brings to light the “Downing Street Memo,” which indicates a pre-war orchestration by the President and Prime Minister Blair to the point of cooking intelligence to meet the President’s needs. Mr. Speaker, 87 of my colleagues and I sent the President a letter last week asking him to respond to these serious charges. We await his response.

STAYING WHAT COURSE?

(By Paul Krugman)

Is there any point, now that November’s election is behind us, in revisiting the history of the Iraq war? Yes: any path out of the quagmire will be blocked by people who call their opponents weak on national security, and portray themselves as tough guys who will keep America safe. So it’s important to understand how the tough guys made America weak.

There has been notably little U.S. coverage of the “Downing Street memo”—actually the minutes of a British prime minister’s meeting on July 23, 2002, during which officials reported on talks with the Bush administration about Iraq. But the memo, which was leaked to *The Times* of London during the British election campaign, confirms what apologists for the war have always denied: the Bush administration cooked up a case for a war it wanted.

Here’s a sample: “Military action was now seen as inevitable. Bush wanted to remove Saddam, through military action, justified by the conjunction of terrorism and W.M.D. But the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy.”

(You can read the whole thing at www.downingstreetmemo.com.)

Why did the administration want to invade Iraq, when, as the memo noted, “the case was thin” and Saddam’s “W.M.D. capability was less than that of Libya, North Korea, or Iran”? Iraq was perceived as a soft target; a quick victory there, its domestic political advantages aside, could serve as a demonstration of American military might, one that would shock and awe the world.

But the Iraq war has, instead, demonstrated the limits of American power, and emboldened our potential enemies. Why should Kim Jong Il fear us, when we can’t even secure the road from Baghdad to the airport?

At this point, the echoes of Vietnam are unmistakable. Reports from the recent offensive near the Syrian border sound just like those from a 1960’s search-and-destroy mission, body count and all. Stories filed by reporters actually with the troops suggest that the insurgents, forewarned, mostly melted away, accepting battle only where and when they chose.

Meanwhile, America’s strategic position is steadily deteriorating.

Next year, reports Jane’s Defense Industry, the United States will spend as much on defense as the rest of the world combined. Yet the Pentagon now admits that our military is having severe trouble attracting recruits, and would have difficulty dealing with potential foes—those that, unlike Saddam’s Iraq, might pose a real threat.

In other words, the people who got us into Iraq have done exactly what they falsely accused Bill Clinton of doing: they have stripped America of its capacity to respond to real threats.

So what’s the plan?

The people who sold us this war continue to insist that success is just around the corner, and that things would be fine if the media would just stop reporting bad news. But the administration has declared victory in Iraq at least four times. January’s election, it seems, was yet another turning point that wasn’t.

Yet it’s very hard to discuss getting out. Even most of those who vehemently opposed the war say that we have to stay on in Iraq now that we’re there.

In effect, America has been taken hostage. Nobody wants to take responsibility for the terrible scenes that will surely unfold if we leave (even though terrible scenes are unfolding while we’re there). Nobody wants to tell the grieving parents of American soldiers that their children died in vain. And nobody wants to be accused, by an administration always ready to impugn other people’s patriotism, of stabbing the troops in the back.

But the American military isn’t just bogged down in Iraq; it’s deteriorating under the strain. We may already be in real danger: what threats, exactly, can we make against the North Koreans? That John Bolton will yell at them? And every year that the war goes on, our military gets weaker.

So we need to get beyond the clichés—please, no more “pottery barn principles” or “staying the course.” I’m not advocating an immediate pullout, but we have to tell the Iraqi government that our stay is time-limited, and that it has to find a way to take care of itself. The point is that something has to give. We either need a much bigger army—which means a draft—or we need to find a way out of Iraq.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH
MOELLER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young

Florida student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Sarah Moeller of Davie was named one of the top honorees in Florida by the 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Sarah, an eighth-grader at St. Mark Catholic School, is being recognized for organizing a clothing drive to collect suits and nice dresses for struggling Haitian immigrants to wear on job interviews and for special occasions. Sarah was inspired when she heard the pastor of St. Joseph’s Haitian Mission speak at her school. Her clothing drive, “PASS Along Your Sunday Best” collected 130 complete outfits, which Sarah would sort, wash, mend, press and hang on hangers for distribution to Haitian immigrants.

When asked what she hoped her efforts would accomplish, Sarah said, “I felt that in a small way I was bringing hope and happiness to people in need.”

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